

**FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL
MINUTES**

November 17, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joseph E. Jozefczyk, Braddock District
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District
Lula Bauer, Lee District
Steve Saulnier, Alternate, Lee District
Barbara R. Lowrey, Mason District
Wesley M. Viilo, Jr., Mt. Vernon District
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District
Michael Congleton, Alternate, Springfield District
David Lacey, Sully District
Elizabeth T. Bradsher, Member-At-Large
Jerry Carter, Town of Herndon
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna
Roger Sims, Fairfax County Baseball Council
Rob Hahne, Alternate, Fairfax County Baseball Council
Robert L. Panek, Fairfax County Girls' Fast Pitch Softball
Carl Coan, Fairfax County Adult Softball Council
Rocky K. Styer, Alternate, Fairfax County Football Board of Comm.
Bill Harvey, Fairfax County Lacrosse Council
Deborah B. Honaker, Alternate, Fairfax County Soccer Advisory Council
Sally Entlich, Fairfax County Women's Sports Programs

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES:

George Lovelace, Fairfax County Park Authority
Brian Daly, Fairfax County Park Authority
Amy Craig, Fairfax County School Board
Patricia Franckewitz, Department of Community and Recreation Services
Christopher Leonard, Department of Community and Recreation Services
Karen Avvisato, Department of Community and Recreation Services
Brian Dreyer, Department of Community and Recreation Services

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Roger Smith, Dranesville District
J. Marcelo Gangotena, Diversity-At-Large
Jeffrey E. Stein, Town of Clifton
Tom Moore, Fairfax County Youth Basketball Council
Mark Meana, Fairfax County Football Board of Commissioners
Tricia Johnson, Fairfax County Volleyball Council
Paul Jansen, Fairfax County School Board

GUESTS: Mr. Evan Braff, Supervisor, Therapeutic Recreation and Teens Services, CRS

Meeting Opening – Mr. McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

Citizens to Address Council – None

Presentations to Council –

Presentation 1: Gangs

Mr. Evan Braff, Supervisor, Therapeutic Recreation and Teens Services Division, CRS, provided an in-depth presentation on gangs in Fairfax County. This presentation is the same one that is given by Fairfax County Public Schools. He pointed out that the gang issue in Northern Virginia was just one of many that youth face today. He mentioned that a number of teens were being killed in car wrecks and that there was a substance abuse issue as well. Some of the items he touched on regarding gangs were: the law, indicators of possible gang involvement, how the teens dress today, why they join gangs, and how the athletic community can get involved to help our youth find an alternative. He gave the definition of a gang, how they form groups, and how they conspire to get involved in criminal activity.

He pointed out the legal ramifications of recruiting individuals to join gangs. Many other laws are being created to make it a felony for hazing and jumping people in order for them to belong to these gangs. Mr. Braff showed three videos and handed out some literature on this subject.

Ms. Franckewitz also pointed out that just because individuals were involved in sports or extra activities did not mean that they were not gang members. She also mentioned that two members of the Council are on the Gang Task Force. Mr. Braff offered to provide this presentation to sports organizations, if desired.

Items Presented

Mr. McLaughlin disseminated the committee assignments and encouraged everyone to join at least one committee.

Administrative Items: On motion, the minutes from the October 20, 2004, meeting were approved as amended.

Committee Report # 1: Gym Policy

Mr. Lacey reported that the Board approved the Gym Policy on Monday, November 15. Ms. Franckewitz advised that the tournament policy would take effect in the spring and not in the winter because scheduling had already been completed for the winter. Discussion continued about scheduling.

Committee Report # 2: Application Fee

The Application Fee Committee was in the process of outlining the information required on the registrations for the fall season and trying to identify evaluation issues to present to the Board of Supervisor in February or March of next year. The reason the committee felt the Board presentation should be deferred to 2005 was to allow a couple of seasons to access the effect of the fee and what impact there would be on facility maintenance and development.

Mr. Sims requested that at the next meeting the Council take a position either for or against the application fee.

Committee Report #3: Subsidy Over-Site Committee

Mr. Sims said that CRS has requested information from the organizations for this year's subsidy. Other members of this committee are: Jerry Carter, Deborah Honaker, Elizabeth Bradsher, and Lula Bauer.

Information - Board of Supervisors: None

Information - Fairfax County School Board: Mr. Jansen stated that Mr. Tom Brady, Chief Operating Officer for FCPS, has left the county. Mr. Jansen gave the Council his pledge that the School Board will be very sensitive to the existing programs and the needs of the groups using gyms and fields.

Information - Fairfax County Park Authority: Mr. George Lovelace, Park Authority Board, expressed his appreciation to the Council for its efforts in helping to get the Park bond passed.

He stated that the Nottaway Park Master Plan had been approved, which showed that the rectangular field would be enlarged and the baseball diamond would not be removed.

Mr. Lovelace advised that it would probably be January or February of 2005, before and implementation date could be determined.

Information - Community and Recreation Services:

Topic # 1: Gym Policy - Ms. Franckewitz stated that the County Attorney had requested deconstruction of the process for gym scheduling in order to put the policy in a logical order.

For the last six years CRS has tried to get legislation to prohibit the carrying of guns in our community centers and recreation centers, to no avail. However, this year all the NV Park Directors have united to press this issue and to extend legislation to also cover fields and parks.

Topic #2: After School Program – Ms. Franckewitz stated that she had started working with the After-School Program in December and will provide the Council with progress updates.

Old Business

Item #1 – Approval of Bylaws/Sports Council Operating Guidelines - Mr. McLaughlin stated that the bylaws were approved last April. Recently, the Council started working on the operating procedures and some questions were raised basically as to the number of members and how those numbers would affect the at-large, diversity, and women's

sports representation. Mr. McLaughlin moved to approve the cap of 23 members for the Council membership. He called for a vote on this and asked that all in favor say aye, all opposed say no. The motion passed.

Discussion continued about at-large representation and emerging sports. In order to develop procedures to ensure outreach to emerging sports organizations, several suggestions were made:

- Assign the issue to the Rule's Committee
- Create an Emerging Sports Committee
- Create an ad hoc committee to address this issue

Discussion continued regarding an emerging sports representative but the Council decided not to transform the existing At Large position in the current Bylaws into an Emerging Sports Representative.

Standard Operating Procedures:

- Section 1, typo in first sentence, should be FCAC not FCA.
- Second paragraph, first line, add "the FCAC" before "provides."
- Last line add "or At Large representative" after "sport-specific representative" and should say "any" not "and" in the next sentence.
- Last sentence under meetings, change "unanimous consent" to "a two-thirds vote."
- Page 3 – Membership bold section regarding "At-Large Representative..." modified to be more general and reflect no change in membership (i.e., no Emerging Sports representative), consistent with the Bylaws.
- Last paragraph. Make section on At Large members more generic, not specific as to each of the three members.
- Page 4, delete paragraph 2 regarding Additional Sports Council Membership.
- Page 4, second paragraph, line 5, add "a" after "making".
- Page 4, last paragraph, Conflict of Interest: delete everything but the last two sentences. Substitute "The FCAC expects" for "we expect" in the next to last sentence. Thus, the FCAC expects disclosure of potential conflicts and consultation with the County Attorney. The rest of the discussion is background and context that is not appropriate for an SOP.
- Page 5, section 5: Committees, insert new sentence 2 "Members or their alternates may serve on committees." Sentence 4, change "these decisions" to "Committee appointments."
- Page 5, section 6, first paragraph, line 1, delete ", including the Emerging Sports Council,"
- Page 5, section 6, delete paragraph 2 regarding the Emerging Sports Council as we have not determined that such a group is necessary or how we will deal with the issue of emerging sports.
- Page 6, line 3, change "unanimous consent" to "a two-thirds vote."
- By-laws approved a second time.

Mr. McLaughlin moved to approve these Standard Operating Procedures. Seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Franckewitz advised that after the Council approved the bylaws it would go to the Board of Supervisors for approval. At that time individual groups could set up their election process and their bylaws.

Item # 3 – Sign Up for Committee Work – Mr. McLaughlin encouraged people to sign up for the Sports Forum.

Adjournment – On motion, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stephen McLaughlin".

Chairman